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REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated December 10, 2007, the Examiner states that Claims 1-10 are pending and Claims 1-10 are rejected. By the present Amendment the Applicant adds new Claims 12 and 13.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 3-8, and 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carrick (U.S. Pub. 2004/012335) in view of Katafuchi (U.S. 6,159,911). Claims 1-2, 4-8, and 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carrick in view of Chambard (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0082176). Claims 1-3 and 5-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carrick in view of Tamoto (U.S. 5,458,807). The Applicant respectfully disagrees with and transverses the rejections to Carrick in view of Katafuchi, Chambard, and Tamoto.

In independent Claim 1 of present invention, the position of the alkyl substituents of the salicylate detergent are specified at the 3' and 5' positions. In contrast, none of the cited references disclose the position of the alkyl substituents of the salicylate detergent at the 3' and 5' positions. None of the cited references specify the position of the alkyl substituents of salicylate. Therefore, because none of the references teach, suggest, or disclose the position of the alkyl substituents of the salicylate detergent at the 3' and 5' positions, the present invention is not obvious to any combination of the cited references. Furthermore, with respect to Claim 9, Tamoto does not disclose, teach or suggest combining a short chain alkyl substituent having less than 5 carbon atoms and a long chain alkyl substituent having C10-C40, as is claimed in the present invention. Thus, the Applicant asserts that the present invention is not obvious in view of the cited references, and respectfully requests that the present rejections to the claims be withdrawn.

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In light of the foregoing response, all the rejections are considered overcome.
Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for
allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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